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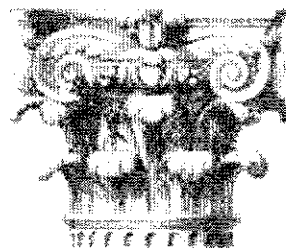
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Hon. Malachy E. Mannion
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RE: John Doe et al vs. Diocese of Scranton et al

Dear Judge Mannion:

I am one of the attorney representing the plaintiffs in the above-captioned matter. Currently, defendants Diocese of Scranton and the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter are overdue on discovery. It is my intention to file a Motion to Compel Discovery, but I understand that it is the practice in this District Court to first schedule a teleconference. Therefore, the purpose of this letter is to request the court to schedule a teleconference for this purpose.

Sincerely,

James Bendell

cc: James O'Brien, Esq.
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Sal Cognetti, Jr., Esq. and Vincent Cimini, Esq.